

ELECTROCUTION FOR MRS. WARREN

Christy, Convicted Jointly With Woman, Also Receives Death Sentence

EXECUTION DATE SEP. 24

Stonestreet, Found Guilty of Being an Accessory After The Fact, Was Sentenced To Three Years in State's Prison; Notice of Appeal Given

(Special to The News and Observer).

Winston-Salem, Aug. 7.—At 11:30 o'clock tonight Judge E. B. Cline, of the Superior Court, having received the verdict of the jury, murder in the first degree, condemned Mrs. Ida Ball Warren and Samuel Preston Christy to death in the electric chair Friday, September 24, for the murder of G. J. Warren, husband of Mrs. Warren. Clifton Stonestreet, being found guilty of being an accessory after the fact, was sentenced to three years in State's Prison.

An appeal was taken, filed for the defendant as paupers.

Mrs. Warren stood erect until the words fixing the date were uttered, then, with a quick, nervous jerk, sank into her chair, drooping for a minute and then resuming apparent calmness.

In the event Mrs. Warren is electrocuted she will be the first woman to go to the chair in this State and, it is said, the second woman ever to pay the death penalty in North Carolina.

History of the Case.

Warren was missed from his home here after August 18 of last year and his body was found in Muddy Creek, Forsyth county, last April. Christy during the interim had gone back to Texas, where he had lived for years with Mrs. Warren and whence the woman, then posing as the wife of Christy, alias Kearns, eloped with Warren.

Mrs. Warren, arrested after the discovery of the body, according to the police, made a confession implicating Christy, who was extradited. Christy is then said to have made a confession in which he told of a plot by him and Mrs. Warren to kill her husband.

CONDITION CRITICAL.

Irvin Smith Was Very Seriously Hurt in Train-Auto Smash.

Rocky Mount, Aug. 7.—An aftermath of the accident occurring at a railroad crossing at Robersonville recently when a passenger train crashed into the automobile of Mr. R. L. Smith, of Bethel, was contained in a message to a friend of the Smith family here, and it indicates that Irvin Smith, the son of the owner of the car, remains in a very critical condition, while the break in the left arm of Mr. Gib Barnhill may compel the amputation of the injured limb. Mr. Irvin Smith, fifteen years old, was the most seriously injured of the three passengers who were in the car at the time that it was struck by the Atlantic Coast Line train, and for eighteen hours following the accident he was in a state of unconsciousness and it is feared at this time that his injuries may prove fatal. Mr. Barnhill, who was thrown from the car with great force, when it was knocked twenty feet from the crossing by the oncoming engine, is suffering severe pain both from the broken arm and from bruises and gashes about the body, while physicians have expressed a belief that it may be necessary to amputate the arm so general and serious is the break.

COURT UPHOLDS OUSTER OF NASHVILLE'S MAYOR.

(By the Associated Press).

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 7.—The Tennessee Supreme court today passing upon petitions for certiorari and superedeas in three cases involving the Nashville city hall scandal, upheld the suspension of Mayor Hilary E. Howse and Commissioner Robert Elliot under ouster proceedings, pending the final hearing of the ouster proceedings in the separate ouster proceedings sought against Commissioner J. D. Alexander it was held that the fiat enjoining him from acting was void.

In the case involving a receivership for the city the order granted by the Court of Appeals superseding the appointment of a receiver was allowed to stand.

Chancellor Allison today vacated his order appointing a receiver for the city.

GOOD HEADWAY IN EXTENSION WORK

Reports To Yearly Meetings Show Friends Are Steadily Gaining in State

(Special to The News and Observer).

Guilford College, Aug. 7.—The report of the committee on evangelism and church extension work as made to the Friends yearly meeting this morning gave an encouraging outlook compared with the meagre beginning a third of a century ago. Five hundred professed conversions and 283 additions to the church were noted. Rev. Louis W. McFarland, former pastor of the High Point Friends church will take the field as superintendent of evangelistic work, it was announced.

Marked gratitude and thanks were expressed to High Point for surrendering their beloved pastor to this wider field of service and they were congratulated on securing an efficient successor.

Miss Leana Wright of Wilmington, Ohio, presented her credentials as a member and Christian worker of the church. She was cordially received and is to be engaged in Christian work at Rich Square, Northampton county.

It is the practice to read some of the important paragraphs from the epistles from other yearly meetings. These were read, showing that in all the yearly meetings in the world there has been consideration given to all subjects common to Friends.

Prohibition of the liquor traffic shows increased interest, specially in England according to the epistles. The evangelistic work appears to be growing in interest as does that on mission work.

The usually interesting report of the trustees of Guilford College shows that institution up to the standard. It indicated that Dr. L. L. Hobbs had three or four years ago told the trustees that when they could find a suitable person to succeed him, they should do so. They think they have found the man in the person of Thomas Newlin, D.D., LL. D., as president and so have elected him to that position while Dr. L. L. Hobbs is retained in the service of the college as President Emeritus.

At the close of President Hobbs' report, Mrs. Hobbs reviewed from the beginning 26 years ago, the history of the Girls' Aid Fund, which through these years has so increased that now New Garden Hall at a cost of twenty odd thousand dollars aids 40 girls a year to education. The best mathematician in the college is one of these girls.

SWEDEN'S ARMY IN NORTH IS MOBILIZED

Activities Cause Concern To Allies—Minister at London Says Sweden Will Remain Neutral.

(By the Associated Press).

London, Aug. 7.—The London Morning Post declares the attitude of Sweden toward Russia and the latter's allies for some time past has revealed elements of a disquieting character. "Emboldened by recent German successes," the paper says, "the latent hostility of Sweden which has never forgiven the loss of Finland, has become strongly developed. Considerable preparations for warlike contingencies have been made in North Sweden and the Swedish army is fully mobilized. If Sweden persists in her unfriendly attitude toward Russia she may rapidly drift into a war which would inevitably be a great obstacle to her future progress."

"Sweden's decision to remain neutral is as firm as ever, said the Swedish Minister in London, Count Wrangel, in reply to the rumors. He said there was no foundation for them.

NEW JERSEY WOMEN GET "TORCH OF VICTORY"

(By the Associated Press).

New York, Aug. 7.—"The torch of victory" which the Women's Political Union of New York has carried throughout the state was formally transferred today to the New Jersey organization. The transfer of the symbol was made at midstream from tugboats in the Hudson river.

Mrs. H. O. Havemeyer headed the New York delegation, which cruised about the river for half an hour waiting for the tug bearing the New Jersey women before it was learned the inspectors had at first refused to allow the New Jersey women to board their tug because it was not licensed to carry passengers.

Mrs. C. Van Winkle, head of the New Jersey organization, accepted the "torch" from Mrs. Havemeyer. It will be sent on an automobile tour in the suffrage campaign in that State.

The total strength of the British army in India exceeds 350,000 men, and costs \$85,000,000 annually.

LAWYERS ARGUE IMPORTANT CASE

Affairs Grandin Lumber Co. and Watauga Railroad Before Judge Boyd

(Special to The News and Observer).

Asheville, Aug. 7.—Judge James E. Boyd, of Greensboro, presiding at the present term of the United States District Court here yesterday, heard the arguments of attorneys interested in the motion for an order directing that the receiver of the Grandin Lumber Company and the Watauga and Yadkin River Railway Company sell the property of those concerns. The motion is being strongly opposed by the attorneys for the receiver, W. J. Grandin, the latter claiming that financial conditions are such at the present time that the property could not be sold for its full value, the placing of the holdings on the market at the present time necessitating the disposition of the holdings at a great sacrifice. The Central Trust Company, of Illinois, and others, contend that the receiver is unable to pay the indebtedness due by the two companies unless the property is sold, and they maintain that now is a good time to turn the holdings into cash.

Judge Boyd has taken the matter under advisement. He probably will render a decision at the present term of the United States District court.

The Watauga and Yadkin River Railroad Company starts at North Wilkesboro and runs west to the town of Grandin up the Yadkin valley and also to Darby.

The Grandin Lumber Company owns many thousand acres of timbered land and millions of feet of timber near the head of the railroad.

Many of the bonds of the railroad, together with accrued interest, fell due in the winter of 1914 and were unpaid. A receivership soon followed and the railroad has been operated by a receiver since that date.

The chief bondholders are Poole and Company, of Chicago, who also advanced nearly \$200,000 to the Grandin Lumber Company in the spring of last year to pay accrued interest on its bonds and to pay off the judgment creditors.

The Grandin Lumber Company gave its note to Poole and Company for the amount of this loan, and put up as collateral for the loan, a mortgage to it by the railroad.

Various interested creditors were represented at the trial before Judge Boyd by the firms of Pam & Hurd, and Winston, Payne, Strawn, and Shaw, of Chicago, and by Winston & Biggs, of Raleigh. The railroad and the Lumber company are represented by W. P. Bynum, of Greensboro, and W. B. Council, of Hickory. Mr. James Horner Winston and Mr. Harry Boyd Hurd, of Chicago, are representing their respective firms at the trial of this important matter, and all of the North Carolina lawyers appearing in the case were in Asheville Friday.

TWO DEAD, ONE WOUNDED IN ELECTION RIOT

Slightly Less Than Normal Vote Cast In Kentucky's General Primary.

(By the Associated Press).

Lexington, Ky., Aug. 7.—Reports from Breathitt county today say that Grover Blanton, a leading Democratic politician of the county, was mortally wounded, while Martin Clemens and Elihu Allen, Republicans, are dead as a result of an election day riot.

Nominees in Primary.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 7.—Former Congressman A. O. Stanley, Democrat, E. P. Morrow, and Fred J. Drexler, Progressive, were nominated for governor in the State-wide primary held in Kentucky today. Stanley's majority is estimated at 20,000. Morrow virtually had no opposition and Drexler was unopposed.

Mr. Stanley was nominated over Lieutenant Governor Edward J. McDermott and H. V. McChesney. His victory is regarded as a virtual defeat of State-wide prohibition. Mr. McChesney was running on a platform demanding passage by the legislature of a bill placing before the voters a constitutional amendment to substitute State-wide prohibition for the county unit law, or local option. McDermott also favored the county unit law.

PAINTERS' STRIKE ENDED.

(By the Associated Press).

Chicago, Aug. 7.—A three year agreement providing for the return to work Monday of ten thousand union painters who have been on strike four months was signed today. The painters won their demand for a closed shop and will get an increase in wages of 2-2 cents an hour during the third year of the period covered by the agreement.

The employers gained the insertion of an arbitration clause providing that future disagreements shall be settled without strikes.

BERTIE FARMERS' ALLIANCE MEETS

Annual Address Delivered By Judge Winston and Fine Picnic Dinner Served

(Special to The News and Observer).

Mount Gould, Aug. 7.—The fourth annual picnic of the Bertie County Alliance was held here Friday on the banks of the Chowan river. Three thousand people from Bertie and the neighboring counties were present.

W. L. Baker, Esq., called the meeting to order in a warm address of welcome. Rev. W. H. Hollowell, of Rocky Hook, led in prayer. J. M. Perry, of Coleraine, introduced Hon. Francis D. Winston, the orator of the occasion. Mr. Perry referred to Judge Winston as "one who goes where he is called; talks sense when he gets there; and claims no credit for his good deeds of charity and kindness which are many."

Judge Winston delivered a very unique address, filled with philosophy and humor, catchy illustrations and laughter-producing stories.

At these annual picnics but two speakers are invited, the orator of the day and H. M. Cates, State Alliance lecturer. This year Mr. Cates was detained by business and could not attend. The people missed the usual clash of wit between Judge Winston and Mr. Cates.

Dinner was served and every one present partook.

In the afternoon Joseph H. Etheridge, Esq., of this county, delivered an excellent address on "Moonlight Schools." Mr. Etheridge is an excellent speaker; keeps well posted and his speech was greatly enjoyed.

The people here intend to build a large pavilion out over the water. It will be large enough to seat four thousand people, and will be suitable for holding there all sorts of meetings and conventions.

The Rocky Hook brass band, composed entirely of farmers, gave fine music.

3 MEXICAN OUTLAWS KILLED BY POSSE

Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 7.—Fighting three against twenty, three Mexican outlaws were killed by a posse last night at a farm house about thirty miles north of here. One posse man was slightly wounded. The fight lasted not more than ten minutes.

The posse heard that the gang of a dozen bandits which raided Sebastian yesterday and killed two Americans, had separated most of them going to their homes on the American side of the border. The officials were after one Mexican who had been recognized among yesterday's raiders and did not know any confederates were with him.

The posse, led by State Adjutant General Henry Hutchings, Sheriff W. T. Vann, of Cameron county, and Ranger Captain Henry Bansom, totalled 26 mounted men.

Since last night officers have arrested 20 Mexicans, all residents of the American side of the border, on suspicion that they were members of the gangs of bandits which have been killing, robbing and burning in the section for three weeks.

QUITS HOME BECAUSE OF THREAT TO DYNAMITE

(By the Associated Press).

Houston, Texas Aug. 7.—Because of threats to destroy his home with dynamite, William Weatherford, treasurer of a local firm of cotton exporters, today moved his family from his residence to a hotel. The threat also menaced a ship supposed to sail today with a load of horses for the allied armies.

SALISBURY VOTES BONDS.

Issue of \$250,000 Carried, Half of Amount for Water System.

(Special to The News and Observer).

Salisbury, Aug. 7.—Salisbury today voted a two hundred thousand dollar bond issue, the bonds winning by a substantial majority. Each of the four wards was carried. Of the amount voted, \$125,000 is for a new water system, \$55,000 for schools, and \$20,000 for streets and sewers.

QUIET AT PORT AU PRINCE.

(By the Associated Press).

Port Au Prince, Aug. 7.—Quiet prevailed here today following the occupation by the American naval forces yesterday of the office of the Port and the national palace for the purpose of maintaining order and safeguarding life and property. The Americans did not take possession of the customs house, which the Haitians still held.

As president of the French Republic M. Poincare receives a salary of \$120,000 per annum.